

# Town of Newstead

## Fall 2009 Newsletter

- *Town Hall Hours are Monday -Friday, 8:00 AM-4:30 PM, 542-4573*
- *Assessor Hours are Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 8:00 AM-2:00 PM, 542-4574*
- *Building Inspector Hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM, 542-4574*

Newstead Town Hall  
5 Clarence Center Rd.  
Akron, NY 14001

Tax Website: [www.tslco.net/newstead.htm](http://www.tslco.net/newstead.htm)

[www.erie.gov/newstead](http://www.erie.gov/newstead)

### PROPERTY EXEMPTION APPLICATION DEADLINE MARCH 1, 2010

The Assessor's Office would like to remind property owners that all applications, for real property tax exemptions are due at the Assessor's Office by Taxable Status Day - March 1, 2010. Please make sure that all supporting documentation is included with the application, including income information if needed. Renewal notices are mailed out to all property owners who received an annually renewable real property tax exemption in 2009.

#### WELCOME

The Assessor/Building Department would like to introduce a new employee, Julie Brady. She has been appointed to the full time clerk's position. Julie, her husband, Tom, and 3 children, Haley, Max and Keelin are lifetime residents of Akron. Julie brings with her years of experience in customer service, computer proficiency and knowledge of our town. We are sure her positive and friendly disposition will be appreciated by all our residents.



The Town of  
Newstead and  
Village of Akron are  
assessed at 100%

2010 Census is underway so you may have a census taker coming to your house. Please assist them any way you can.

You can visit our website  
[www.erie.gov/newstead](http://www.erie.gov/newstead)  
for a map of projects going on in our town.

### Assessment Advisory Committee

Fred Pask-Chairman  
Donna Doll  
Mark Thomas  
Matt Karcher  
Stan Serwon  
Steve Carlson

These members have spent the last year learning about the assessment/budget/tax process. Their input was included in making the decision to postpone the scheduled 2010 revaluation project until 2011. At that time, the committee, Assessor, and Town Board will again review current sales & market data to determine if a revaluation project is warranted. Please feel free to contact any of the members for accurate information regarding the Town of Newstead & Village of Akron. Much of what is heard or read in the media does not apply to our area of Erie County

### ASSESSMENT CALENDAR CHANGES

The Assessment Calendar The filing of the Final for the 25 Towns in Erie Assessment Roll will County changed effective remain July 1.

- **March 1** -Taxable Status Day, all exemption applications due
  - **May 1** -Filing of Tentative Assessment Roll
  - **May- (fourth Tuesday)** -Grievance Day
  - **July 1** -Filing of Final Assessment Roll
- The filing of the Final for the 25 Towns in Erie Assessment Roll will County changed effective remain July 1.
- September 1, 2008 to follow the calendar of most other counties in NYS. Taxable Status Day, which is the day all exemption applications are due, is on March 1 (formerly May 1), the filing of the Tentative Assessment Roll will now be May 1 (formerly May 24), and Grievance Day will now be the fourth Tuesday in May (formerly the first Tuesday in June).

Deer  
Management  
Permits must be  
purchased by  
Oct. 1st

The NYS Dept. of Taxation will NOT be sending STAR rebate checks this year to taxpayers who qualified for a STAR exemption. Governor Patterson has eliminated this program from the 2010 NYS budget. However, the original Basic and Enhanced STAR exemptions will still be available to those eligible. If you are not sure of your eligibility, please contact our office. This exemption reduces the school tax bill only.

## WHAT DO YOU NEED A BUILDING PERMIT FOR & WILL IT AFFECT MY ASSESSMENT?

Permits are required for all new structures **EXCEPT** those noted below:

The improvement values that would be added to your assessment are as follows: (sf = square footage)

- One story detached storage shed without a permanent foundation which is less than 144 square feet in size.
- Installation of swings and playground equipment for a one or two family home.
- Pools designed for a water depth of 24 inches or less.
- Installation of fences, **except** when part of a pool enclosure.
- Repairs or replacement of equipment unless it affects the structure, means of egress or fire safety equipment associated with a building or dwelling.

- Pool—Above Ground \$1000, In Ground \$5000
- Deck—Open \$2 per sq ft (100-500sf) \$3 (500-1000sf)
- Sheds—0-150sf -\$0; 150-250sf \$500; 250-360sf—\$1000
- Fence—no increase in value



Before snuggling up by your fireplace - The Town of Newstead recommends cleaning out your chimney to prevent chimney fires this winter.



*The Town Clerk is now the marriage officer. Ceremonies can be performed for \$50. For information on marriage licenses, see our website or call 542-4573.*

## FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

A few comments concerning activities coming this fall. We will have several public hearings –

1) Home-Based Businesses. We are proposing legislation that will protect the business owner as well as their neighbors;

2) Consolidation of Water Districts. Each district would keep their own debt and fund balances,

but in the future any repairs or development would be shared by all;

3) 2010 Budget – We will continue to keep the town taxes in check, but we have no control over School or State taxes;

4) Grants- we will continue to explore grants for town projects. Over the past four years

we have secured close to one million dollars in grants for town projects.

We will publicize information to explain the various projects/ meetings that we will be having over the next few months.

- David Cummings,  
Supervisor  
Town of Newstead

*National Fuel is planning on making several expansions in the Town of Newstead. For questions, call 759-5155 for new services in your area.*

Commonwealth Electric's  
**NEW Electrical Inspection**  
Phone # (716-316-7091)

## ACCEPTABLE RECYCLABLES — KEEP NEWSTEAD GREEN

(TOWN OF NEWSTEAD RESIDENTS ONLY)

- Anything that comes with your regular newspapers. Magazines, catalogs, phone books and junk mail
- All brown corrugated cardboard, brown paper bags, shoe boxes, gift boxes, cereal boxes (remove all tape, staples and strapping. Break down all boxes in 3 feet x 3 feet sections. Small pieces in brown bags). Soda boxes are NOT recyclable.
- All clear, green and brown food and beverage containers (wash containers, remove lids and caps) \*\*\*Labels do not have to be removed.
- All metal food & beverage containers/cans including metal lids, closure caps, aluminum pie tins (wash containers, remove lids and caps)
- Plastic food, soap & beverage containers with threaded caps (Wash containers, No wide mouth containers such as yogurt and cottage cheese even if they are labeled with the recycling symbol) No Styrofoam, No deli-containers, No microwave containers
- Milk cartons, juice cartons and drink boxes (rinse and empty)



Make sure your recycling bin is visible for collection and is at the road by 6:30am on Thursday morning.

## GARBAGE & RECYCLING SCHEDULE—Allied Waste observes the following holidays:



- Memorial Day— Always on Monday. Therefore, collection will be Friday
- Independence Day— If the 4th of July falls on a business day, collection will be Friday.
- Labor Day— Always on a Monday. Therefore, collection will be Friday
- Thanksgiving Day— Always on a Thursday. Therefore, collection will be Friday
- Christmas Day— If Christmas falls on a business day, collection will be Friday.

**NOTE:** Allied waste is unable to take animal debris from hunting

If you have any concerns, you may contact the Customer Service Department at Allied Waste at (716)614-3333